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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	9254	Agenda Number	14.
Meeting Date:	9/22/2011		Department:	Austin Fire Department
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of an Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County Emergency Service District Number 11 (Travis County Fire Rescue) in order to provide additional fire protection and emergency service response resources for both City and County areas in the south and southeast portion of the City, and SE portion of the county. The initial term will be one year beginning October 1, 2011 with up to four additional one-year term renewals.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
No fiscal impact.				
Fiscal Note				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

The Austin Fire Department would like to improve response times to the south and southeast area of the City of Austin (around Pearce/Ross Rd., Burleson Rd/FM973, and Onion Creek Subdivision). These areas of the city have limited depth of units, and the agreement will allow both AFD and TCESD # 11 to utilize existing units/resources to provide better service to their residents.

Units from both fire departments would be dispatched to incidents on the basis of nearest available unit. By being able to send the closest units in these areas, both COA residents and TCESD # 11 residents will receive better response without regard to jurisdiction. This agreement will be beneficial to both City of Austin and TCESD # 11.

AFD will monitor incident and response time performance in the area to determine the level of improvement in fire protection and emergency response after the effective date of the agreement.